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After years of work, Belleville Sign Ordinance approved

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

After years of work, by several different committees, the City of Belleville Sign Ordinance was approved unanimously by the city council on Monday.

The stand-alone sign ordinance, called Chapter 66, will be posted on the city's website in the ClearZoning style used by the newly posted zoning ordinance so people will be able to study it easily without having to call city hall.

The approval came after some fine-tuning revisions, such as a definition of "pole

signs," which are not allowed.

"Thank you to everyone who worked on this," said Mayor Kerreen Conley. "It's taken years." She said the changes to the ordinance will improve the looks of the city of Belleville.

Rick Rutherford, the city's ordinance officer, said he thinks it will be helpful that it is online.

City Manager Diana Kollmeyer said there will be a public-awareness campaign to let the people know about the changes. She said there will be education and warnings before enforcement starts.

In other business at Monday's meeting, the council:

- Held a one-minute public hearing on "Penalties and Sanctions," with no public input and then approved the amendment unanimously. Mayor Conley said the council had no choice but to approve it since it is a response to a Supreme Court decision;

- Held a seven-minute public hearing

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Mildred "Midge" Artley passed away Saturday at the age of 98. She was born on a Canton farm and her family moved to Belleville in 1918 when she was two years old so the 10 children in the Artley family could attend the Belleville schools. They moved into a four-bedroom home on one acre on West Columbia Ave., where she lived the rest of her life. "Belleville is my town. No better place to live in this good-old U.S.A.," she said on the occasion of being named Belleville's Honored Citizen for the 2012 Strawberry Festival Parade.

VBT to hire Wayne Chief as Deputy Dir. Public Safety

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

At Monday's work/study session of the Van Buren Township Board of Trustees, the board discussed the upcoming hire of Wayne Police Chief Jason Wright for the new position of VBT Public Safety Deputy Director-Police.

Wright will be available at the end of November and his pay will be \$75,000, which already is in the budget.

Approval of the job description and personal services agreement with Wright is scheduled for the regular board meeting on Oct. 21.

Wright serves as Wayne's current police chief. He has worked for the City of Wayne



Independent photo by Rosemary K. Otzman

Van Buren Township Public Safety Director Greg Laurain on Monday tried out the new, 101' aerial ladder fire truck with a platform brought to town by Rosenbauer to show a sample of what the VBT Fire Department wants to have in the 2015 budget. Parked next to it was the 1986 75' Pierce ladder truck that the VBT fire department has now and needs replacement. The new truck will cost just under \$1 million. The sample truck was brought to VBT from Texas and then headed off to Arizona. The Rosenbauer employee Brandon Whittaker, at right, who handled the hi-tech joy stick to make the platform go up and down, said he was from Minnesota.

for more than 21 years (since 1993), rising up the ranks from police officer, sergeant, lieutenant, detective lieutenant to chief of police, where he has served for four years.

VBT Public Safety Director Greg Laurain said Wright has a trusted reputation and a proven track record of performance. His education includes graduation from Northwestern University's School of Police and Staff and Command, a bachelor's degree in criminology from Eastern Michigan University, and graduation from the FBI National Academy.

Additionally, Wright serves as the vice president of the Wayne County Chiefs' Association and is an executive board member of the FBI National Academy Michigan Chapter.

He was unanimously chosen as the top candidate of the final three being interviewed by a committee made up of Supervisor Linda Combs, Treasurer Sharry Budd, and Trustee Jeff Jahr, along with Director Laurain.

Wright was not at Monday's meeting, but Trustee Jahr said once the rest of the board meets him and talks to him they will agree he is a very good candidate.

Jahr had a problem with the six-page job description that doesn't explain why the position was instituted. He said it's a salaried position with no overtime -- a management position.

Jahr said he hears rumblings that the police union is going to be grieving this position, which they said should be a chief's position and you can't just create a job under Laurain and not fill the captain's position, which is union.

Jahr said it is not explained that Laurain needs help negotiating with the union and doing discipline. He said a union member cannot discipline another union member and Wright will not be in a union.

Jahr said the job description is pretty much the same as the former captain's

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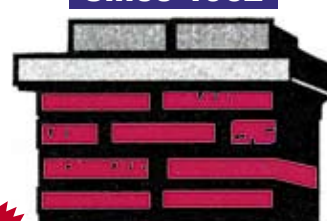
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SECOND FRONT PAGE



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The collection of cars keeps growing in the field off Willis Road across the road from Holiday West mobile home park in Sumpter Township. The cars reportedly are from the recent floods in Detroit and will be kept at that location briefly until they can be auction off by the nearby Insurance Auto Auction business.

Sumpter Twp. citizens complain about field of flood-damaged cars

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

Former Deputy Supervisor Craig Moody, who was fired by Sumpter Township Supervisor Johnny Vawters in May of 2013 and no longer lives in the township, got up to speak at the open-floor comments part of the regular board meeting on Sept. 23.

"I've got a problem with Willis Road," Moody began, asking if the State called and asked the township to store the flood-damaged cars.

He referred to the cars parked in a field across Willis Road from the Holiday West mobile home park. At the Sept. 9 board meeting the cars were discussed and it was explained they were put there by Insurance Auto Auction, located on Rawsonville Road, who was handling a huge influx of cars that were damaged in the August floods in Detroit.

An insurance agent told the *Independent* the state requires cars that have had been in water up to a certain height must be totaled. The cars in the field, many brand-new cars, are waiting for insurance agents to assess their status and total the vehicles, which then can get salvage titles and be sold at auction.

Acting Supervisor John Morgan told Moody that the Auto Auction management came out to the township hall and talked to Clerk Clarence Hoffman and Morgan got called into the office, as well.

Morgan said the business wanted to use the Sumpter fairgrounds for temporary storage of the cars coming from Detroit, but they told him that a car show was coming up at the fairgrounds and the property wasn't available.

"Next we knew, cars were being brought into the place on Willis Road," Morgan said.

"Why wasn't the ordinance officer sent?" Moody asked and Trustee Bill Hamm said the ordinance officer did go over.

Morgan said another citizen had asked for a "cease and desist" order, but, "We didn't know if he did anything wrong."

Moody said citizens have to go through the planning commission with a site plan to do such projects.

Morgan said the State called the flood an "Act of God" and a local business which is part of the tax base needed help.

"I had to put an elderly gentleman in jail over the weekend because he turned his property into a junk yard," Moody said, referring to his time as deputy supervisor.

He said they will be lucky if the cars are gone in six months and "mud is coming next month." He said there are ruts in the roads.

"Who gave them the OK?" Moody asked, questioning if any board members did. Morgan said he didn't and Clerk Clarence Hoffman said he didn't.

Trustee Peggy Morgan said she didn't know about it until Marty Kalasz bought it up at the last meeting. She said it is being looked at as an emergency and, "It's their emergency, not our emergency."

Moody stopped his questioning of board members and went on.

"There's one owner of this property and he's getting paid rent," Moody continued. "The last time he was here he wanted a flea market and the township wanted him to pave 30 acres.

"I like Roy. He can make as much money as he wants," Moody said, referring to Roy Acho. "Nobody from Sumpter is employed by the auction."

[That is an incorrect statement.]

Moody continued, saying the township engineer and planners should have been consulted. He said while that is industrial property, it was not zoned for a junk yard.

"We have the same concerns for the township that you do," Acting Supervisor Morgan said to Moody.

"I always thought so," Moody replied.

"We do the best we can to make the right decisions..." Morgan said, adding, "You have exceeded your three minutes. You create scenarios that haven't happened yet."

"They have the cars there," Moody

continued. "When auto auction came here originally they promised the cars would be drained and not leak on the ground. Walk through there and see what's there."

Morgan said those cars at the spot on Willis Road are flood-damaged, not damaged in accidents, and they are less likely to have leakage.

"I tried to help the businesses when I was here," Moody said.

"We are waiting for a phone call back from Auto Auction," said Deputy Treasurer Karen Armatis.

"We should have stopped them," Moody said.

"Marty said it started a week before he came to the meeting [on Sept. 9]," Trustee Peggy Morgan said.

Moody said the township could have called a special planning commission meeting.

"We're breaking our backs for him," Moody said. "We stopped Keystone from doing a parking lot." He said Keystone came in and followed the township rules and, "Now they have a nice parking lot."

"You'll never get them out in three months," Moody said, and then sat down.

Sharon Pokerwinski said her husband saw a Corvette among the cars on Willis Road and was interested, so she contacted the Auto Auction. She said they told her that the paperwork takes a long time and it could be three to four months before any go to auction.

"That's into the winter," she said.

"I do believe they're honest businessmen," Morgan said, adding if they do environmental damage they will have to restore the land.

Pokerwinski said another man who has property where the cars are saw they were putting cars on his land and they didn't come to tell him about it.

"All that property is not owned by one person," Pokerwinski said.

Mary Sherwood said, "Since you talked to the auction man, there has been no communication with the auction man since

then ... Isn't it disrespectful of him?"

"He didn't let us know he found a place," Morgan said. "That was disrespectful... He might sock it to us, I don't know."

Trustee Peggy Morgan said the insurance auction man might have thought since township officials considered letting him use township property that it was all right.

"They are business owners in the township," said Trustee Don Swinson. "He should follow the obligation to follow the rules."

"You're dealing with a crisis," said Acting Supervisor Morgan. "These cars had to be moved, right then... We shouldn't get in their way..."

"Sumpter Township was not part of the crisis," Pokerwinski said.

Two dozen candidates meet the public at Women's Club event

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

About two dozen candidates running in the Nov. 4 General Election met with the public at the Oct. 2 Meet the Candidates' night at the Moose Lodge in Sumpter Township.

The event was put on by the Belleville Area Women's Club, as a follow up to its Meet the Candidates' event leading up to the August Primary Election.

Shelly Brown-Chudzinski, president of the Women's Club, moderated the event, calling to the microphone the candidates by name, starting with U.S. Congress. Speakers got three minutes to introduce themselves.

Debbie Dingell, the Democratic candidate for the position now held by her husband, was a last-minute cancellation. Brown announced that Dingell said she couldn't come because her husband just got out of the hospital.

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OPINIONS

Editorial

This is National Newspaper Week

It was about 20 years ago when we put together a newsletter on a new home computer about what was going on in Van Buren Township. We took the newsletter to the local print shop to be faxed to a friend in Arizona. Then, we went home.

But at the print shop, the newsletter was a hit. It was copied and put out on the counter and people picked it up.

Before long, the weekly newsletter morphed into a weekly newspaper that covered not only Van Buren Township, but all of the 48111 zip code, including the city of Belleville and Sumpter Township.

We published our first *Belleville-Area Independent* on Jan. 5, 1995 and this January we will have completed 20 full years of relaying local information to our readers. Every week, at least one person sticks his or her head in our office door to thank us for telling them what's happening in our community or to say, "Keep up the good work!"

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EXTRA THINGS I KNOW

...By Rosemary K. Otzman

I received a call on Saturday from a resident of Harmony Lane saying she would like to confirm the report of black smoke on her street on Monday, Sept. 30. One of our readers emailed me about it last week. The VBT fire chief told us he didn't have a report on it, but my Saturday caller said she saw it and it was very black smoke. She said it had a pretty good flame on it and then it was gone.

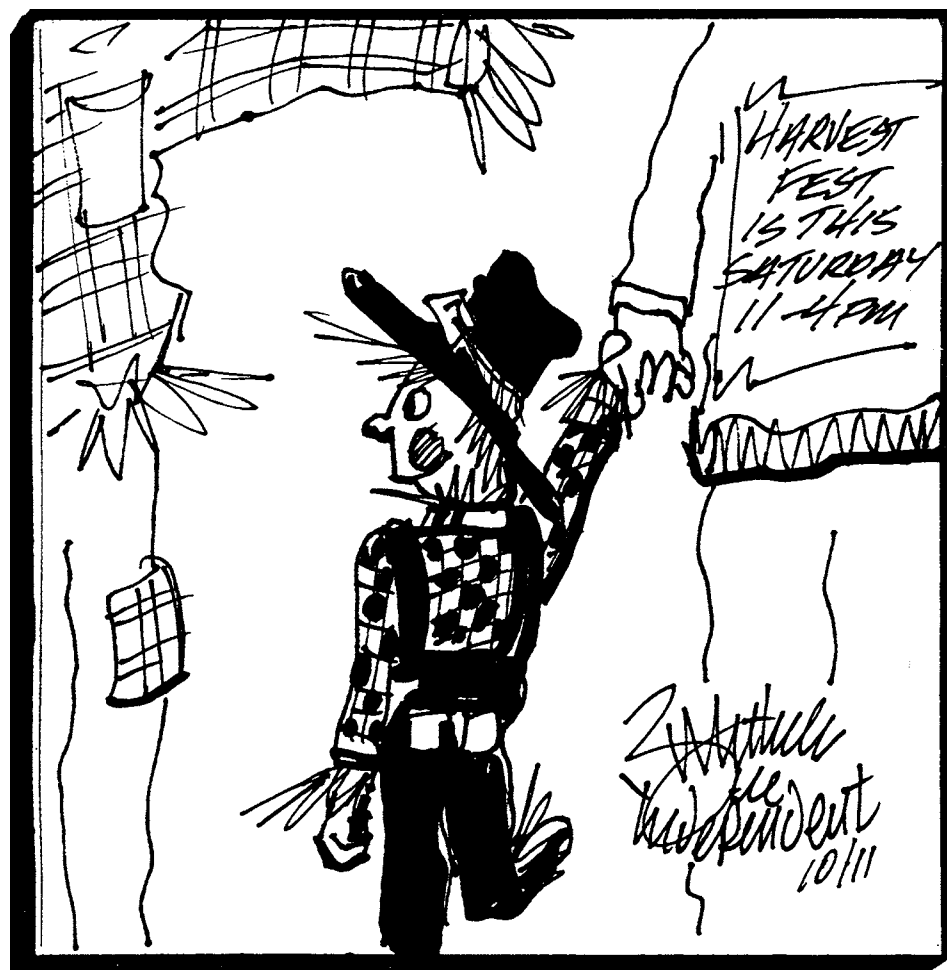
She said it's a few houses down from the Service Drive and they often burn things there. She said she was going to call 911, but she thought someone closer would certainly call. Then it was gone. The woman said the smoke is very black and she doesn't know what they could be burning. Next time, she'll call 911.

Another person said diesel trucks starting up after a long rest can have dark black smoke and he's seen some semi's parked along Harmony Lane. A mystery.

The *News-Herald*, a Downriver newspaper, reported on Oct. 1 that Huron Township Police Department is launching a new mounted division and it was to lead the Apple Fest Parade last Saturday.

The division consists of eight to 10 trained and certified horses and riders. The person leading the division is township resident Cherie Stump and Chapp and Bushy Oil Company is funding the new unit. Huron Township adjoins Sumpter Township and dispatches Sumpter's police and fire units.

I'm told that over the weekend, the Belleville Police Department caught a potbellied pig in the city and couldn't locate its owner. So, they called a rescue group



who agreed to take care of the pig.

Before Monday's City Council meeting, I asked Police Chief Hal Berriman about the pig. He said, according to the report filed by Officer Jeff Wickham, it was determined that the man who called in the report of a loose pig was found to be the pig's owner who bought the pig and then didn't want it anymore.

There are 39 scarecrows tethered to lamp poles in Belleville's downtown. I think there were just a few last year. All the scarecrow dressing must have been inspired by the month-long "Belleville is Booville" event.

Belleville Mayor Kerreen Conley reported that Edgemont Elementary school got one scarecrow form and duplicated it to have the students make 16 scarecrows, one for each classroom. Then the students voted with pennies in a jar for a charity to pick the best scarecrow to put downtown. They made \$400, Mayor Conley said.

City Manager Diana Kollmeyer said Savage Elementary School did the same thing, but it entered two scarecrows. She pointed out DPW/Building Official Keith Tackett's wife had dressed a scarecrow in a DPW outfit, including a hard hat.

The mayor also announced over 100 people registered for the Zombie Run on Saturday, Oct. 18. This is the run being put on by BHS students in the New Tech program as part of Booville.

Belleville Councilman Tom Fielder, who is also president of the Historical Society, said he talked to Pastor Jim Richter about the letter Richter wrote in last week's *Independent* about the dangers of paranormal events at Booville.

Fielder said he told Pastor Richter that he had let some ghost hunters into the museum a while back and this paid evening event is for the ghost hunters to report what they found. "Our desire was not to offend anybody," Fielder said he told the pastor.

Fielder said he told Pastor Richter that they will be talking about haunted places, "not paranormal" things. He said Pastor Richter did not change his opinion and neither did Fielder.

We received another report of a local email scam and a request to warn local residents. It's the old "I'm in Manila and my purse was stolen" message, asking people to wire him or her money immediately so the person can get home. The name used is someone familiar.

One local senior wrote back, saying she didn't have any money to send, but the stranded person should contact her relatives for help. Please be careful.



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Letters

Support Dawson, Peters, Henning, Monte

To the Editor:

With regard to the forthcoming election, the election of members of the Belleville Area District Library Board will certainly have a major impact on the future of the library and on our community. There are a number of issues we should be considering that I'd like to address.

1. We need to develop a plan for the library that meets the high-priority needs of our community at a cost the community feels that we can afford. The recent election made it very clear that cost is a major issue for our community, and that we absolutely cannot afford a plan as costly as the one that was recently voted down.

2. This plan needs to be developed in close consultation with the various groups that compose our library district. Development of a plan that our combined communities will support will require a great deal of public input and a transparent process of development. Only in this way will it obtain public support.

3. In developing this plan we as a district must assess and prioritize the various needs and demands placed upon the library. Some needs will be seen as more essential than others. Some may be seen as better met in other ways than through the library. Some will be seen as simply too costly for us, no matter how desirable they may be. A few of these needs and demands include space and resources for programming for children; computer resources for students and others; upgrades to the library's holdings of books and other information resources; space for activities such as the library's book sales, the Home Grown Knowledge program, tutoring programs, public meeting rooms, etc. Of these needs and others, we as a district must decide on priorities and then on how far down our wish list we can afford to go.

4. The board must continue to act as good stewards of our existing Belleville Area District Library resources to operate a library that best meets the needs of our district, given the constraints of current funding and space limitations. A library is no longer a simply a storehouse of knowledge in stacks of books. Knowledge comes in many flavors -- from books, CDs and DVDs to podcasts, e-readers and computers. The Belleville Area District

Library must be able to cope with the next wave of information no matter what forms that will be.

5. The environment in which the discussion of future plans for the library has taken place has become quite divisive, bitter, and negative. As we move beyond the negativity that arose in that campaign, we will need to formulate a vision for the library that we can afford and that meets the needs we feel are most essential. The alternative is one of no action. Our community, our children, deserve better than that.

I urge you to support Mary Jane Dawson, Sharon Peters, Paul Henning, and Joe Monte. All are active library users and members of the Friends of the Belleville Area Public Library. All have relevant experience with the library and/or with education. All are committed to work harmoniously with the continuing members of the board as they work with our community to plan our library's future.

David J. Wilson

Van Buren Township

I endorse the Common Cents Library Slate

To the Editor:

Having read in the *Independent* about each of the candidates for the Belleville Area District Library Board and also attended the candidates' forum, I wish to endorse the Common Cents Library slate: LaChelle Reed Carver, Bernard Grant, Phillip Miller and Tanya Stoudemire. All four candidates have COMMON SENSE which I believe has been missing from the present library board.

I have attended quite a few of the library board meetings, but most of the time there was very little attention given to the public comment ideas from the audience. The current board proceeded with their own impractical agenda about a new library and a location that would keep the Belleville downtown ALIVE. Not until the major defeat of the bond and millage proposals in August did the library board wake up and "Get It."

The Common Sense slate of 4 has a great deal of background experience on budget management and correct administrative leadership that has been lacking with the present board, two of whom are running for reelection.

Time for a Change, Time for Common Sense. Vote for the four on the Common Cents Slate. Thank you!

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Actually, \$6 million was returned to taxpayers

To the Editor:

I noted a reference in the Oct. 3, 2014, *Independent* to "\$1,000,000" being refunded to taxpayers from the Belleville High School bond project. Actually, more than SIX million dollars was applied to the bond principal after the project came in under budget.

Martha Toth
Van Buren Public Schools
Board of Education

Editor's Note: School Board Trustee and Candidate for reelection Scott Russell had the \$1,000,000 figure in his candidate statement published in last week's *Independent*. We asked for a response to Toth's comment and Russell said: "When I stated we refunded over \$1,000,000 back to local taxpayers, I was referencing the board's decision "...to move an estimated \$1.7 million in money from 2009 bond proceeds left over from high school construction to the Debt Retirement Fund." as reported in the *Belleville Independent* on 1/16/2014."




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Mildred "Midge" Artley

MILDRED 'MIDGE' ARTLEY

(August 2, 1916 - October 4, 2014)

Miss Mildred "Midge" Artley, age 98, passed away Saturday, October 4, 2014 surrounded by friends and family, at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital, Ann Arbor, MI. She was born August 2, 1916 in Canton, MI, daughter of Frederick C. & Kittie M. (Calkins) Artley.

Midge has lived in Belleville since 1918. She was a member of First United Methodist Church of Belleville for over 65 years. She was also a member of the former Belleville Business and Professional Women's Club, now the Belleville Area Women's Club (BAWC). She was an Ypsilanti Daughter of the American Revolution (DAR), an accountant at Van Buren Public Schools for 25 years and was on the City of Belleville planning commission. She was a life-long resident, historian and matriarch of Belleville. She will truly be missed.

Midge is survived by a sister Dorothy M. Mason of Belleville; niece Patti (Jerry) Bies, who was like a daughter, of Belleville; also numerous other nieces, nephews, friends and colleagues. She was preceded in death by three brothers and five sisters.

Visitation was 6-8 p.m. Tuesday and 3-8 p.m. Wednesday at David C. Brown Funeral Home, 460 E. Huron River Dr., Belleville, with a 6:30 p.m. Women's Club service. In-state 9:30 a.m. Thursday, October 9, 2014 at First United Methodist Church, 417 Charles St., Belleville, with an 11:00 a.m. funeral service. Rev. Jim Walker will officiate. Interment will be in the Artley family plot at Hillside Cemetery, Belleville.

Memorial contributions may be made to the church or to the Daughters of the American Revolution, and would be greatly appreciated. Please sign her on-line guest book and share a story for her friends to keep at www.davidcbrownfh.com.



James Gregory Bujak



JAMES G. BUJAK

(December 8, 1946 - October 5, 2014)

James Gregory Bujak, age 67, of Belleville, MI, passed away Sunday, October 5, 2014 at Karmanos Cancer Center, Detroit, MI. He was born December 8, 1946 in Ypsilanti, MI, son of Stephan & Annie (Marchywka) Bujak.

Mr. Bujak proudly served his country in the U.S. Army during the Vietnam conflict. He retired from Jervis B. Webb, now Daifuku Webb, after many years of loyal service. He was a member of St. Anthony Catholic Church of Belleville, the Belleville Moose Lodge #934, and Farm Bureau. He enjoyed farming, and loved babies and babysitting his great-nieces and nephews. Most people will know him because he was a fixture at the Metro Party Store on the corner of Haggerty and Huron River Drive.

Jim is survived by daughter Susan (Robert) Webb of Wayne, MI; grandson Mason Webb; two sisters Joyce Bujak and Elizabeth (Ken) Phillips, both of Belleville; brother William Bujak of Michigan; 5 nieces & nephews John (Sunshine) Bujak of Canton, MI, Sarah Bujak of Rothbury, MI, Stephanie Alvarez of Montague, MI, and Michael Bujak and Amanda Bujak, both of Belleville; 4 great-nieces & great-nephews Jackson Bujak, Annalyn Bujak, Helena Phillips and Brayden. He was preceded in death by his parents, also a brother Thomas Bujak.

Visitation will be Thursday 3-8 p.m. with a 7 p.m. Scripture Service at David C. Brown Funeral Home, 460 E. Huron River Dr., Belleville. In-state 10:00 a.m. Friday, October

10, 2014 at St. Anthony Catholic Church, 409 W. Columbia Ave., Belleville, with an 11 a.m. Funeral Mass. Father Thomas H. Cusick will serve as Celebrant. Entombment will be in Michigan Memorial Park, Flat Rock, MI.

Memorial contributions may be made to Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Foundation, or to Greenfield Village, and would be appreciated. Please sign his on-line guest book and share a memory for his family to treasure at www.davidcbrownfh.com.



Donald Melcher

DONALD E. MELCHER

(June 2, 1927 - October 1, 2014)

Donald Edwin Melcher, age 87, of Belleville, MI, passed away Wednesday, October 1, 2014 at Oakwood Hospital, Dearborn, MI. He was born June 2, 1927 in Detroit, MI, son of Louis James & Martha (Fiebelkorn) Melcher.

Mr. Melcher proudly served his country in the U.S. Army during WWII. He received his Master's of Business in Pharmacy and Hospital Administration and retired from Oakwood Hospital, Dearborn, after many years of loyal service as Hospital Administrator. He was a member of St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church, New Boston, MI and was also a member of Kiwanis-Dearborn Club. He enjoyed golf, fishing and reading.

Don is survived by his wife of 63 years, Virginia Caroline (Engers) Melcher; two daughters Cynthia (John) Williams of Belleville, MI and Pamela Melcher of Charlotte, NC; son Bryan Melcher of Belleville, four grandchildren,

Jonathan Williams, Jason Williams, Cody Melcher, and Shannon Melcher; two brothers Raymond (Joan) Melcher of Dearborn, MI and Arthur (Marge) Melcher of Manchester, MI; also numerous nieces, nephews and friends. He was preceded in death by his parents.

Visitation was 1-3 PM Friday, October 3, 2014 with a 3 PM Funeral at David C. Brown Funeral Home, 460 E. Huron River Dr., Belleville. Pastor D. Lee Cullen, Jr. officiated. Entombment was in Michigan Memorial Park, Flat Rock, MI. In lieu of flowers, the family would appreciate donations to St. Paul's Ev. Lutheran Church. Please sign his on-line guest book and share a memory for them to cherish at www.davidcbrownfh.com.

Upcoming Meetings

• Thursday, Oct. 9 – Keystone Academy Charter School Board, 6 p.m. Also, Sumpter Township Planning Commission, 7 p.m. Also, Belleville Planning Commission cancelled.

• Monday, Oct. 13 – Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education, 7 p.m., Belleville High School Commons.

• Tuesday, Oct. 14 – VBT Recreation Committee, 5:30 p.m. Also, Sumpter Township workshop at 6 p.m., followed by regular meeting at 6:30 p.m. Also, VBT Board of Zoning Appeals, 7 p.m. Also, Belleville Area District Library Board, 7 p.m.

• Wednesday, Oct. 15 – Van Buren Township Planning Staff Review, 1-4 p.m. Also, City of Belleville Downtown Development Authority, 6 p.m. Also, VBT Environmental Commission, 7 p.m.

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Lincoln Consolidated Schools host meeting tonight on fatal accident

The Lincoln Consolidated Schools will host a community informational meeting at 7 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 9, at the LCS Performing Arts Center, 7425 Willis Road, Augusta Township.

The community will be given an update on the investigation surrounding the accident on Sept. 30 that took the life of eighth-grade middle school student Christian Lorinczy.

The school has invited various experts who have been on site to present information and answer questions.

This is not intended to be a memorial for the student, but the district will have personnel on hand to lend support for those community members who need it, according to the district's website.

Another notice on the website states that a State of Michigan Electrical Inspector, a Michigan State Police Detective/Sergeant, township fire officials, master electricians, the Washtenaw Intermediate School District Director of Facilities, and the Lincoln Community School maintenance staff have worked since the incident to determine exactly what took place and why.

The notice states: "Each day has brought them closer to definitive answers, but the specific facts are still unknown."

The LHS football stadium and track facility will remain off limits and without electrical power until further notice.

Christian Lorinczy suffered an electrical shock Sept. 30 while attending a middle school football game and died Oct. 2 at the University of Michigan Hospital from low-voltage electrocution.

He had been playing catch on the sidelines of the game and came in contact with a fence and a handicapped ramp attached to the bleachers.

Several other spectators reported receiving electrical shocks, school district spokeswoman Emma Jackson told the press.

Donations of pre-paid cards of any kind for the family are being collected at the school and donations are being accepted at Chase Bank to help the family with funeral expenses. Donations can be made, only in the form of check or money order, to the Christian Lorinczy Memorial at Chase Bank, 2025 Rawsonville Road, Belleville 48111, (734) 485-3520.

Obituaries



Christian Lorinczy

CHRISTIAN LORINCZY

(February 28, 2001 - October 2, 2014)

Christian Lorinczy, age 13, of Belleville went to be with the Lord, his Savior, on Tuesday, October 2, 2014, following an electrical accident at a Lincoln Middle School football game in Augusta Township.

He was born on February 28, 2001 in Ann Arbor to Peter and Elizabeth (Newland) Lorinczy. Chris attended Lincoln Middle School and was in the eighth grade. He faithfully attended South Side Baptist Tabernacle Church and was an active member of the teen department. He loved all sports, especially Tigers, Lions and University of Michigan Football.

Survivors include his parents, Peter and Elizabeth Lorinczy of Belleville; two sisters, Autumn and Kayla and two brothers, Alexander and Eli, all of Belleville; paternal grandmother Mary (Duane) Lilly of North Adams; maternal grandparents, Paul (Marjean) Newland of Ypsilanti; several aunts, uncles and cousins. He was preceded in death by his paternal grandfather Peter.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, October 7, 2014 at 11 a.m. at South side Baptist Tabernacle Church with Pastor Christopher Wass officiating. Burial followed at Union-Udell Cemetery. Contributions in his memory may be made to South Side Baptist Tabernacle Church Teen Department. Arrangements were by Stark Funeral Service, Ypsilanti.

Romulus initiates new Veterans Day Parade at 9 a.m., Nov. 11

The City of Romulus is looking for individuals and organizations to participate in its first annual Veterans Day Parade at 9 a.m., Nov. 11.

Veterans and their families are asked to take part in the parade. The City will be providing floats and trailers for veterans and families to ride on, if they wish.

Anyone is welcome to enter the parade with a walking or motorized display

with a patriotic theme. All veterans and parade entries should meet at the Romulus Progressive Hall, 11580 Ozga, starting at 8 a.m.

The parade route will travel from the Progressive Hall, across Ozga and through the Romulus Wesleyan Church parking lot onto Goddard Road and go north, turning right on Bibbins and traveling east to Hunt Street where the parade will turn left, ending at the Romulus Historical Park, 11147 Hunt Street.

At the Park, a Veterans Day Ceremony will take place with involvement from local VFW Post 9568 and other community members. The start of this ceremony will be a ribbon cutting for the new Veterans Plaza and rededication of the World War I Memorial.

"Spectators are needed along the parade route and at the Veterans Plaza Ceremony to give the veterans the appreciation and honor they deserve," said Maria Lambert, director of the Downtown Development Authority which funded the Veterans Plaza Project.

In June, Mayor LeRoy Burcroff formed a new committee to facilitate veterans' programs and outreach in the city.

"The freedoms we share and live today are a result of our heroic veterans and for this we should continue to support them whenever we can," said Mayor Burcroff.

Romulus Public Services Director, Robert McCraight, chairs the committee.

"The city of Romulus is home to over 1,700 veterans and our mission is to honor and assist them whenever we can," McCraight said.

For more information on the Veterans Day event, to register for the parade or other suggestions on how to help local veterans, call Jill Martin at 734-955-8960.

Benefit set Nov. 9 for Hodgkins Lymphoma patient Jesse Yates

Jesse Yates of Belleville has been fighting Stage 4 Hodgkin's Lymphoma since he was diagnosed in 2010 at the age of 19.

After four years of treatment, now, at age 24, he is facing an Allo Transplant, which is cells donated by an un-related donor, which comes with a lot of possible complications.

The family is told by doctors at the

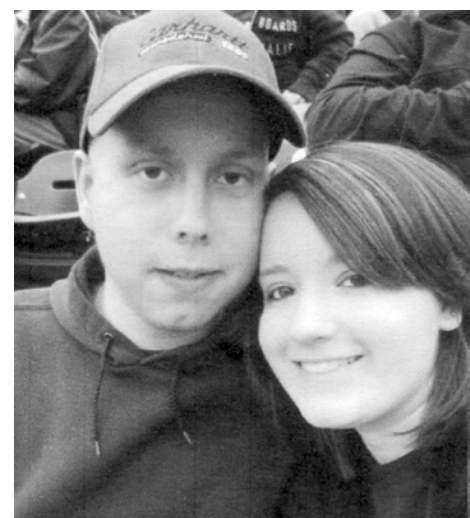
University of Michigan Hospitals that this is his only chance for a cure and without this he would live only two more years.

Friends and family are holding a spaghetti dinner and silent auction from 1 to 6 p.m. at the Moose Lodge at 5506 Stoney Creek Road, Ypsilanti, to raise money to help with medical and home expenses for Jesse.

Neither Jesse nor his wife Katie can work during this time and after the transplant he will be in recovery for a year or more and Katie needs to be home with him as his caregiver.

During his fight for life he has received several chemotherapy and radiation regimens, as well as a bone marrow transplant. In December he was put on the latest treatment, but shortly after beginning it, tumors began to grow.

For more information, call Katie Yates at (734) 672-0514.



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Vote NO on move to eliminate Civil Service

Council resolution said, "It is determined that due to the low number of employees

Origin

Again, the committee created a check and balance accountable charter to be followed. It was to prevent constraint and prevent mass confusion, loss of right for appeals, prevent unsanctioned acts from any assigned committee or the elected administration. The committee created 18.5 different sections of the charter including section 17.6 Penalties for Violation of

3. Make such rules and regulations
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not inconsistent with this charter as it deems necessary and advisable for the administration of the civil service program.

4. Investigate and enforce by itself or otherwise the provisions of this section of the charter. The commission, or authorized representative, shall have the power to administer oaths, subpoenas, and compel this attendance of witnesses and the production of records in connection with any matter properly before it.

5. Makes annual or special reports of its activities to the mayor and council and made reports on any matter requested by the mayor or council.

6. Here is an example of the check and balance provisions that the City Charter Commission installed in the charter. Annual or special reports of the civil service commission activities were to be made to the mayor and council and further reports on any matter requested by either the mayor or council.

Section 16.6 Approval of Payrolls by Commission

All payrolls or vouchers for personnel service shall be approved by the Civil Service Commission, or its authorized representative, before payment shall be made.

(Again, the Charter Commission provided a check and balance system. The commission, on a yearly basis, has authorized a representative – city clerk, etc. – to approve payroll, etc. Cannot recall the Civil Service Commission taking any such action during the past two years. Does this represent a violation of the charter?)

Section 16.7 The Unclassified and Classified Services

The Civil Service of the city shall be divided into the unclassified and classified services. The unclassified services shall specifically include an exempt from the provisions of this chapter, for the following:

Elected officers, deputies or assistance in each of the elected offices, city manager, city attorney, city engineer, members of appointed board and commissions persons employed in a professional or scientific capacity.

The classified service shall comprise all other positions in the city. (The charter commission provided for all employees the protection and availability to appeal to the Civil Service Commission any action against them, and an opportunity to report illegal acts, matters and confidential information that they could not report to their supervisor who may be involved or the employee working for him/her. (This has occurred more than once.)

Section 16.7 Persons Serving or Temporary Appointments, Not to Exceed 90 Days

Again, currently there has been a violation of the charter as neither a Director of Public Works nor a Police Chief has been

hired and the temporary appointments have exceeded 90 days.

Section 16.8 Approval by the Council of Civil Service Commission Actions

Once again, the Charter Commission Committee installed as part of the charter, the following check and balance statement.

Actions of the Civil Service Commission in establishing a classification of positions plan, or a compensation plan, shall be approved by the council before any of such plans may become effective. When any of such plans have been once approved, amendments thereto shall not become effective until approved by both the Civil Service Commission and the council.

(Again, was this charter directive followed by council on Nov. 4, 2013? No. Again is this a violation of the charter? The charter commission had the foresight to also set up a check and balance system on removal procedures and appeals. This is covered under Section 16.12.)

Section 16.12 Removal Procedures and Appeals

Any person in the Classified Civil Service may be removed, suspended, or demoted by the appointing authority for cause, as shall be established by the Civil Service Commission, by an order in writing stating specifically the reasons therefore. A copy of such order shall be filed with the commission. Such employee may, within 10 days after presentation of such order to him, appeal from such order to the Civil Service Commission. The commission shall, within two weeks from the filing of such appeal, commence the hearing thereon. And, shall thereupon fully hear and determine the matter, and either affirm, modify or revoke such order the appellant shall be entitled to appear personally, produce evidence, have counsel and a public hearing. The findings and the decision of the commission shall be certified to the official, from whose order the appeal is taken and shall forthwith be enforced and followed by him.

(Has this been done by the council and city manager? No. Violation of the charter?)

Several years ago, John Barr was our city attorney and was asked to facilitate the duties of the Civil Service Commission, particularly on a matter of appeals. Barr indicated that the commission had been given the authority by the charter to investigate, subpoena persons, and have records produced in any manner that was before the commission. Likewise, Mr. Barr stated that the Civil Service Commission was the appeal judge on matters where the city produced their case, the employee produced their case, and the commission either affirmed, modified, or revoked the findings and the decision of the commission shall be certified as official and shall forthwith be enforced and followed by the person responsible.

Current Situation

The present situation has arisen because of economic conditions. In the '50s, '60s, and '70s, it was difficult to hire employees and harder yet to keep them as the auto industry jobs were available. The auto industry offered many perks that the city could not provide and keep their employees. As a result, in 1968 the city of Belleville produced a booklet for all new employees. It covered many of the perks and advantages to stay with the city. As the years proceeded, the city raised the benefits to the employees from vacation to longevity bonuses, increased medical care and payment to the employee if medical care was carried by the spouse.

In addition, through the years, the charter that we operate our form of government in Belleville mandates and requires that the Civil Service Commission establishes rules and regulations covering the terms and conditions of employment and service. Contained in the rules and regulations are written phases of employment, including the benefits of such employee.

Under Section 12.2 of the Rules and Regulations is a paragraph titled Insurance

for Retirees. It states: The city shall provide medical insurance for an employee who retires after the date of policy, who has had at least 10 years of service with the city and is an active member of the city retirement system in accordance with the following conditions.

1. The city shall pay a percentage of the premium for the retiree and a spouse who meets the requirements of sub section 2. Based on 4% for each year of service with the city, on the basis if the retiree had 25 years or more of service with the city, the city shall pay 100% of the premium.


This was a perk offered by the city that did not cost anything at the time it made this provision look very attractive and gave peace of mind to the employee. Everything went along for years until Nov. 4, 2013 when the council was alerted that the Director of Public Works was going to retire.

Council went into a closed session and passed Resolution 13-101 which was titled Resolution to Approve Civil Service Commission Retirees Health Care Premium Cost Share.

"Now, therefore, be it resolved that the council for the city of Belleville hereby establishes that CSC employees, who retired after Nov. 4, 2013, shall contribute to same premium cost share for health care as the active employees."

Mr. Boc, the Director of the DPW, presented an appeal to the Civil Service Commission that council was in violation of Section 16.8, which states a classification of position plan or a compensation plan shall be approved by the council before any such plans may become effective. When any of such have been approved, amendments thereto shall not become effective until approved by both the Civil Service Commission and the council. The mayor and council were IN VIOLATION by-passing Section 16.8 of the rules mandated by the charter and ramrodding

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their resolution through so they would not have to honor the promise to pay the premiums on any retiree who qualified with 25 years of service.

Working throughout the years with many mayors and council people, the Civil Service Commission has screened hundreds of applications, conducted background searches and oral interviews for police officers, laborers, secretarial work, police chief, etc. In addition, the Civil Service Commission has conducted investigations of dishonesty, illegal use of public funds, falsified applications, misuse of city equipment and subsequent supplies which led to several discharges. All information was treated in total confidence to prevent any forms of retaliation towards an employee.

In conclusion, I would like to say I have enjoyed being part of the Civil Service Commission for 18 years. I have worked for different mayors and advised each one that I would feel honored to serve on the Civil Service Commission, but that I would not be a yes man, and I will have to take the facts into consideration to do a job.

I bear no malice, but am deeply concerned on how the work that the commission does for the city will be completed if there is no Civil Service Commission. There was a statement made that this would save the city money if there was no Civil Service.

For the record, I wish to state that for serving on the Civil Service Commission during an 18-year period, I have never taken one cent nor do I know of any other commissioner that has ever taken any

money for serving on the commission.

Consequently, I do not know how this statement can be made that they would save money if there was no Civil Service Commission.

Councilman Fielder stated he felt there should be a public meeting to discuss this proposal. However, the proposal wording has already been established and is printed on the absentee ballots, so it does appear as if the council wants to ramrod the proposal through to have the public vote on this matter based that Civil Service Commission does nothing but three employees report to them, also to the taxpayers that one or two members of the administration think are dumb enough to fall for this political ploy that is a falsehood being presented!

Mr. Fielder was a teacher in our Belleville High School and can recall that history shows that when an autocratic form or dictatorship, example Hitler Germany form of government, convenes to remove all opposition, the first item that is always abolished is the check and balance contribution to running the government.

It would seem that we have experienced this as well as the Wayne County form of government with Mr. Ficano and the Kilpatrick form of government in the city of Detroit that led to cronyism, appointment of whoever you wanted to do the job whether or not you are qualified, and further, you could get rid of anyone you wanted to who you felt might be a danger.

The Belleville City Charter Commission was correct in formulating a check and balance charter document.

Some of the things Civil Service Commission currently does formulates the tests and oral interviews for all employees that are hired, as well as maintaining a rules and regulations document for employees,

conducts investigations when necessary, on any matter that comes before it.

The Civil Service Commission also handles appeals for employees who have been disciplined or to share confidential information of illegal acts and not be afraid of repercussions from their supervisors. The city of Belleville needs this positive form of government and not the revengeful retaliation form that I was told came about because of the last two decisions ruled upon by the Civil Service Commission, following the guidelines mandated by the charter committee, were in favor of the employee.

So, you have the administration trying to get rid of civil service – destroy the check and balance system – and be able to have tyrannical control.

Thank you,

Don Bluhm

Belleville Resident and Civil Service Commissioner (18-year period)

Court Watching:

VBT wife hits husband in head with a hammer, gets plea deal

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

Trinity Michelle Stern of Van Buren Township agreed to a plea deal before 34th District Court Judge David Parrott on Oct. 1 and pled guilty to aggravated domestic violence.

Her preliminary exam had been scheduled for Oct. 1 and it was not necessary.

She had been charged with assault, domestic violence, and assault & battery and those charges were dropped in exchange for her guilty plea.

Stern told Judge Parrott that she had gotten into an argument with her husband on Sept. 21 in VBT and hit him in the side of the head with a hammer.

When Judge Parrott asked if her husband was seriously injured, she said he had an indentation in his head.

Judge Parrott suggested that all hammers should be removed from the house and her husband, in the court audience, said that has already been done and all hammers have been put in the shed.

Judge Parrott ordered that she should have no assaultive contact with her husband, should spend four days on the court work program, attend Batterers' Counseling group, and pay \$645 in fees.

If over the coming year, there is no

further violence reported, the charge will be dismissed.

Court-appointed attorney David Lankford negotiated the plea agreement with Wayne County Assistant Prosecutor Ryan Lukiewski. VBT Detective Donovan McCarthy was the officer charge.

She had been free on \$5,000 personal recognizance bond.

David Allan Brennan

David Allan Brennan, who appeared on crutches before Judge Parrott for his preliminary exam on three-and-a-half year old charges, also took a plea deal.

He has been charged with delivery of marijuana and controlled substance/drug house.

Brennan pled guilty to the misdemeanor charge of possession of marijuana.

Brennan said on March 11, 2011 he was at a marijuana dispensary on the I-94 Service Drive in VBT with various cards and sold a quantity of marijuana to David Meyers for whom he was not a caregiver.

Judge Oakley ordered him to pay some \$700 in fines and costs and to be on 12 months' probation. If he has no further problems, the charge would be dropped.

Brennan had been out on \$5,000 or 10% bond. VBT Officer Michael Rini was the officer in charge. Lankford was the court-appointed attorney.

Antwon Sherrod Reid

Antwon Sherrod Reid, 24, was brought from prison for his preliminary exam on charges of home invasion-first and larceny in a building.

Court-appointed attorney Lankford said Reid was told he could waive this probable-cause exam and have his charges sent on to circuit court, but he didn't want to do that. He wanted his exam.

The problem was that the victim, who had waited in court for over four hours for Reid to be located and brought before the judge, then had a family emergency and had to leave.

Judge Parrott approved adjourning the probable-cause hearing for one week, to 9 a.m., Oct. 8.

Reid objected to the judge, saying he wanted his exam and since there is no witness the case should be dismissed.

Judge Parrott said he thought the explanation on why the witness was absent was understandable and he was adjourning for a week.

At about 11 a.m. Reid's mother, who had been in the court waiting for the case to be called, was advised that Reid was in prison and wouldn't be brought in. At that time, Judge Parrott adjourned the case to 9 a.m., Oct. 22. But, at about 12:30 p.m., when Reid finally was produced, the next court date was revised to Oct. 8. The family and witness were advised.

VBT Detective Ken Toney was the officer in charge. Reid was being held on \$20,000 cash bond on these charges, but had been taken into custody by the Department of Corrections for a parole violation.

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Acting Supervisor appoints committee to finish MJ ordinance

By Rosemary K. Oztman
Independent Editor

Acting Sumpter Township Supervisor and Treasurer John Morgan officially appointed a committee of planning commission members and advisors to finish the zoning ordinance part of updated medical marijuana rules in the township.

His appointments were confirmed unanimously by the township board at its regular meeting Sept. 23. Absent was Supervisor Johnny Vawters, who has been ailing since last October.

Acting Supervisor Morgan appointed Matthew Oddy, to act as chairman; Jane Stalmack, and Jim Clark; and advisors Laura Kreps, a planning consultant, and Rob Young, attorney.

Morgan said they are charged with getting the marijuana ordinance ready to present to the township board for passage, so the township can get a handle on the marijuana situation in Sumpter.

When Trustee Peggy Morgan asked if they weren't having a police advisor on the committee, Acting Supervisor Morgan said no.

"We don't want police on this at all," Acting Supervisor Morgan said. "We can let them review it when it's done and if they see anything to fine-tune they can let us know."

The township board has already held the first reading of a general law ordinance that it plans to pass in concert with the zoning ordinance from the planning commission, when that document is ready.

The planning commission held a public hearing on the zoning ordinance Sept. 11.

In other business at the Sept. 23 meeting, the board:

- Heard Acting Supervisor Morgan say that individual board members are calling vendors and giving jobs out. He said this has to come before the board before engaging people for jobs. He said if any vendor is engaged without board approval that vendor will not get paid. He gave no details on what had brought on this statement;

- Approved Acting Supervisor Morgan's appointment of Chris Walter-Hamm as a member of the planning commission with

a term to expire in 2017. She is the wife of Township Trustee Bill Hamm and replaces member Faye Taylor, whose term had expired;

- Approved cancelling the Nov. 11 meeting since it falls on Veterans' Day holiday when the township hall is closed;

- Approved purchasing volleyball equipment (net, posts, lines) for the new volleyball court in Banotai Park at a cost of \$1,222.10, paid from Wayne County Parks grant fund;

- Approved use of the gym at the community center for a craft show Nov. 7 and 8, with proceeds used to support the Senior Citizens Christmas Party;

- Approved raising election workers pay to comply with the new minimum wage law. The chairman will get \$10 an hour; co-chair, \$9.50 an hour; and inspectors, \$9 an hour;

- Approved paying \$1,922 for Supplement #23 for the Code of Ordinances;

- Heard Senior Coordinator Mary Ann Watson report on the Senior Olympics. Sumpter had 30 participants and five won gold medals, 11 silver, and 12 bronze;

- Approved payment of warrants totaling \$2,360,686.54. Deputy Treasurer Karen Armatis said most of the payout is school taxes collected by the township and paid out to the schools;

- Heard Mary Ban say she called the phone number supplied by Chris Hamm to get ahold of the county to complain about roads. Ban said she was shifted to the county engineer and then to the planning engineer. She was told the reason Sumpter got some roads paved recently was because they were rural and able to get federal funds. Ban was concerned about the condition of Bemis Road and was told they couldn't get rural funds for that because it's on the border of Van Buren Township and VBT doesn't qualify for rural funds because it has too much money. When Ban asked about Sumpter Road, north of Bemis, in VBT that is splitting down the middle and was worse in the winter, she was told the county hasn't heard from VBT in regards to Sumpter Road. He told her there are 750 miles of county roads that they get complaints on. Nothing is on the books for Bemis for the 2015 construction season;

- Heard Sharon Pokerwinski ask about Trustee Bill Hamm's wife being in the pits at the Sept. 14 Demolition Derby and since she is not in the fire department she was not covered by the insurance. Hamm

said she wasn't in the pits and Pokerwinski said she was seen there by Sonny Hall of the Demolition Derby and Fire Chief Joe Januszyk. She questioned why Chris Hamm was named to the planning commission when others who had lived in the township longer

had applied for appointments. Hamm said they have lived in the township since 2001. Acting Supervisor Morgan said he asked another person first and that person didn't want to be appointed.



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- **Passed right-to-work legislation under the guise of “freedom to work”;**
- **Placed emergency managers who thwarted democracy and took control of cities and schools;**
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More Letters

Be Aware! Six vet groups among worst charities

To the Editor:

Six national vet groups are among a list of the top-50 worst charities in the U.S., according to *The Tampa Bay Times*.

Veterans Now is on military.com listed as one of those worst charities.

Veterans Now, aka Vietnow, is a very persistent, aggressive fund raiser that will not take NO for an answer. They solicited me and the only way I got them off the phone was by telling them to mail their literature to me. Upon receipt, I mailed that literature with a letter to Veterans of Foreign Wars requesting knowledge regarding this organization.

Paul W. Pirlot, Michigan State Director, VFW of the U.S., responded with a telephone call and a printout from military.com stating that Veterans Now, aka Vietnow, over the 20 years of its existence raised \$18 million of which nearly \$16 million went to the solicitors and about \$2.2 million to the charity.

How you say "Thank you" to our veterans is by donating to veterans' fund-raising organizations, and there are several, that gives 80% to 100% of money raised to the veterans' charities.

I have three veteran brothers. Thank you, brothers, and thank you to all the American Veterans that have kept us safe! I will continue donating to veteran charities, but not to Veterans Now/Vietnow or any other charities listed on the worst charities on military.com.

Be aware of those who do not have America's safety in mind – just greed – the opportunity to line their pockets.

Do your research!

Jewel Butler

Sumpter Township

Editor's Note: The six veterans charities named by the newspaper as among the top-50 worst charities are: the National Veterans Service Fund of Darien, Conn.; Vietnow National Headquarters of Rockford, Ill.; The Veterans Fund of Trevorton, Penn.; Veterans Assistance Foundation of Tomah, Wis.; Circle of Friends for American Veterans of Falls Church, Va.; and Our American Veterans of Fort Valley, Ga.

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Rodney Herald
Owner, Lunch Box
Belleville



Ryan Youmans

Thanks to all who aided my Eagle project

To the Editor:

Thank you to all the businesses that supported me on my Eagle Project at Soop Cemetery off Old Denton Road by donating essential supplies.

Through the efforts of the Boy Scouts from Troop 231 led by me, we cleaned up the cemetery by removing unwanted trees, vines, and many other things that took away from the identifications of the tombstones.

We also built four benches for loved ones to have a peaceful place to pay their

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Sincerely,
Ryan Youmans
Eagle Scout Candidate
Troop 231 Belleville
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Here are the upcoming events to help FMAR

To the Editor:

Friends of Michigan Animals Rescue would like to notify the public of its upcoming events this fall.

There will be FMAR Meet & Greet events at Pet Emporium in Ann Arbor on Oct. 11, at Tractor Supply in Saline on Nov. 8, and at Westland's Petco on Warren Ave., 11 a.m. – 3 p.m., Oct. 18 and Nov. 15.

On Oct. 25 FMAR joins the Van Buren Recreation Department by supplying adoptable animals in costume at Quirk Park's Candy Loop 5-7 p.m. as part of the Booville celebrations.

Nov. 1 there will be a bus trip to Firekeepers Casino in Battle Creek open to the public. Proceeds will aid FMAR and the Jimmy Durante Child Abuse Prevention Fund. A \$25 registration fee will cover your transportation, \$20 of free game play, and a \$5 voucher towards game play, food, or gift shop. MasterCard, Visa, and Discover are accepted. Register before Oct. 18 with FMAR at (734) 461-9458 or with Kathi Tincher at (734) 635-9141. Buses will depart at noon from St. Anthony Catholic Church, Belleville,

and from the Fraternal Order of the Eagles, Ypsilanti. Return to those same spots will be around 6 p.m.

Nov. 9 Uptown Poochie Parlor, 50270 Cherry Hill Road in Canton, will offer pet photographs all day, proceeds to benefit FMAR. Call (734) 495-0145 to make an appointment.

Eat at Haab's Restaurant, 18 W. Michigan Ave., on Nov. 23 and a percentage of what you spend goes to FMAR.

FMAR is always looking for new volunteers. If you have interest and/or questions, please call Sandy, (734) 417-5117.

Remember, you can view adoptable animals on our website, www.fmar1.org. Why not spend the autumn with a new furry friend? Call (734) 461-9458 to make an appointment to meet a faithful companion who needs your love.

Linda Luke, Van Buren Township
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Candidates

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Terry Bowman, the Republican candidate for the position, did get up and speak, saying he lives in the district and works at the Rawsonville Ford Plant.

He protested the Dingells keeping the Congressional seat in the "family dynasty" for 85 years.

Bowman spoke about the Affordable Care Act and how voters were told they could keep their insurance and keep their doctors, "and it just isn't true." He referred to the "49ers," the business owners unwilling to have 50 employees because of the Affordable Care Act, and the "29ers" who are unwilling to have workers at 30 hours because that is considered full-time employment for the Affordable Care Act.

Bowman said he would work for an energy policy and common-sense government.

Sharon Curson of Sumpter Township then came to the candidates' microphone and spoke on behalf of Dingell. Curson said she

has known Debbie Dingell for 30 years.

Curson gave Dingell's background and pointed out Dingell walked two miles in high heels in the Sumpter Fest Parade because she wants to serve this district.

Curson said Dingell will fight for and move forward for families and is in favor of raising the minimum wage.

Running for state senator from District 6 are Republican Darrell McNeill and incumbent Democrat Hoon-Yung Hopgood. Both of them got lost on the way to Sumpter, but showed up near the end of the event to give a few remarks.

Bill LaVoy, Democratic incumbent state Representative from District 17, that includes Sumpter Township, welcomed the crowd to Sumpter Township.

Rep. LaVoy said he is business- and labor-friendly and will work to help draw the people out of poverty.

Charles Londo, running as a Republican in District 17, spoke against Common Core and attacks on religious beliefs, including the right to say God in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Londo said there are many good jobs out there but people don't have the skills. He said they need to create training for those jobs.

Kristy Pagan, running for state representative in District 21, which covers Belleville and Van Buren Township, is seeking to fill the position being vacated by Dian Slavens, who is term limited. (Rep. Slavens, D, is running for state senate against this area's incumbent Sen. Pat Colbeck, R, now set to represent another area because of redistricting.)

Pagan said she was born in Belleville and graduated from the Plymouth-

Canton schools. After college she went to Washington, D.C. and worked at the U.S. Senate. She now works at Wayne State University to make higher education more affordable to students.

Pagan said she will work to invest in education, advocate for senior citizens, and fix our roads. "I lost three tires myself last winter," she said.

Carol Ann Fausone, who is running as a Republican for state representative in District 21, could not be present because she is on the Board of Trustees of Madonna University and had a longstanding commitment to introduce someone at a program that night. Carol Gomes read a statement from Fausone, a nurse who spent 36 years in the Air Force and is the first woman National Guard Brigadier General in Michigan. She started a small business and so understands what that entails, she said.

"I'm not in the race to launch a career in politics, but to help the people," Gomes read.

Erika Geiss is running as a Democrat for state representative in District 12 (which covers a portion of VBT) to take the place of her husband who is term-limited and running for senate in his district. She said she is the daughter of an educator and teaches at Wayne County Community College.

"I understand the need of having a strong educational system," she said, adding her second priority is jobs and the economy, and her third priority strong and healthy families and communities.

Kelly Thompson, running as a Republican for state representative in District 12, said she went to Belleville High School and has lived in Romulus for the past 17 years. She works as an attorney at 36th District Court and does legal work for The Salvation Army, and teaches at WCCC.

She said she hasn't been able to find a job since she got out of law school and does volunteer work. She said Michigan needs to keep people from leaving the state to find work.

"The American Dream is to actually make it," Thompson said. "We need to make some changes."

Senator Hopgood said he is a Democrat with a big D and believes in the small d of democracy. He said he represents 10 communities and now will cover this area because of redistricting. He said he is

passionate about education and spent time on the Appropriations Committees in both the state House and Senate.

McNeill, who is running for Hopgood's senate seat, said he is a lifelong resident of Taylor, a Navy veteran (1971-74) and has been in the cable business for 30 years. He said he is pro-capitalism and pro-small government.

Questions from the audience written on cards were answered by the candidates who had spoken and then the session moved on to the more-local candidates.

Lisa Martin, who is running for 34th District Court Judge, said she has spent six months knocking on doors to seek this position. She and her husband have lived in VBT for eight years.

She got an undergraduate degree at Harvard University, a law degree at the University of Michigan, and has been practicing law for 16 years.

Martin said she practices exclusively in district courts, including Romulus, Detroit, Ypsilanti, and Pontiac. When asked what she hopes to bring to the bench, she replied, "We'd like to see some diversity on the bench."

34th District Court Judge David Parrott, who is running for reelection, said he has lived in Belleville for 28 years and been a lawyer for 28 years. He has 12 years of judicial experience because, "You have elected me twice."

He said he handles 27,000 cases a year, with his name on them for which he is responsible, and there are 24,000 new cases each year. The average clearance rate is 100%. He started Batterer's Court, which is working very well, and every elected official in the court district supports him for reelection.

Then, the 13 candidates that are running for school board and district library board were introduced. These candidates brought lots of questions written out on the cards and after more than two hours of the session had passed Brown-Chudzinski noted they are still "overwhelmed with questions," but will have to stop because of the lateness of the hour.

Members of the audience came up to the candidates after the meeting to talk to them and ask more questions. Others went to the food table where free refreshments and snacks were being offered by the Women's Club.

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Van Buren Township
Police Dispatch Log

The following are selected calls for VBT Police.
Sunday, Sept. 28:
0125 – disturbance, Parkwood Dr.
0125 – suicide or attempt, Briarwood Dr.
0152 – noise complaint, Lighthouse Dr.
0223 – operating while intoxicated, S. I-94 Service
1014 – unauthorized driving away of auto, W. Archwood Dr.
1327 – noise complaint, S. Ponderosa Trl.
1509 – agency assist, Denton Rd.
1535 – noise complaint, McBride Ave.
1707 – juvenile complaint, Belleville Rd.
1820 – harassment call, S. Bellridge Dr.
1829 – property damage accident, Haggerty Rd.
1948 – fraud, Rolan Meadows Dr.
2112 – property damage accident, N. I-94 Service
2137 – suspicious situation, Johnny’s Hot Spot
2343 – operating while intoxicated, Van Buren St. / N. I-94 Service Dr.
Monday, Sept. 29:
0123 – property damage accident, Ecorse/Denton
0811 – suspicious vehicle, Lodge Lanes
0939 – larceny, McBride Ave.
0946 – harassment call, Westlake Cir.
1057 – suspicious person, Van Buren St./Van Buren Ln.
1101 – harassment call, Meadows Ln.
1114 – agency assist, Hull Rd.
1516 – juvenile complaint, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1523 – assist citizen, Lenmoore Ave.
1525 – private property accident, Industrial
1525 – ATV/ORV complaint, Lohr Rd./Martz Rd.
1532 – juvenile complaint, Tyler Rd.
1533 – assault & battery, Denton Rd.
1557 – private property accident, S. I-94 Service
1735 – suspicious person, Sheldon Rd.
1736 – larceny, Belleville
1937 – larceny, Rawsonville
1954 – mental, Wilson Ave.
2015 – assault & battery, S. I-94 Service Dr.
2039 – assault & battery, S. Schooner Dr.
2144 – hospice, Lakeview Dr.
Tuesday, Sept. 30:
0018 – noise complaint, W. Archwood Dr.
0715 – property damage accident, Tyler/Beck
0825 – larceny, Sadie Ln.
0904 – malicious destruction of property, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1001 – assault & battery, Lake Villa Dr.
1231 – property damage accident, Ecorse Rd. / Visteon Way
1445 – breaking & entering motor vehicle, W. Archwood Dr.
1555 – larceny, S. Ponderosa Trl.
1635 – larceny from auto, Hull Rd.
1713 – malicious destruction of property, Morton Taylor Rd.
1753 – disorderly conduct, S. I-94 Service Dr. / Belleville Rd.
1941 – retail fraud, Belleville
1941 – larceny from auto, Oak Ln.
2041 – E-911 hangup/investigation, Winding Pond
2116 – sexual assault, Ash Dr.
Wednesday, Oct. 1:
0122 – suspicious situation, Metro Parkway / Haggerty
0758 – larceny from auto, Alden Ave.
0835 – property damage accident, Ecorse/Hannan
1332 – agency assist, Rawsonville/Grove
1333 – agency assist, WB I-94/Rawsonville
1341 – trespassing, Parkwood Dr.
1854 – E-911 cellular/investigation, Mott
1918 – agency assist, WB I-94/Rawsonville
1957 – private property accident, Belleville
2145 – fight, Jackson
2206 – shots fired, Belleville/Van Born
2236 – assault & battery, Jackson St.
2310 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.
Thursday, Oct. 2:
0009 – noise complaint, Denton Rd.
0024 – property damage accident, S. I-94 Service Dr. / Belleville
0027 – personal injury accident, S. I-94 Service Dr. / Beckley Rd.
0103 – assault & battery, Bemis Rd.
0106 – property damage accident, Haggerty Rd. / Savage Rd.

0623 – larceny from auto, Wildrye Ct.
0647 – breaking & entering motor vehicle, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1012 – breaking & entering, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1030 – fraud, Village Green Ln.
1042 – fraud, Belleville Rd.
1114 – abandoned auto, Lake Villa Dr.
1119 – harassment call, Dewitt Rd.
1153 – operating while intoxicated, Rawsoncille Rd. / Bog Rd.
1417 – mental, Lighthouse Dr.
1543 – property damage accident, Ecorse/Haggerty
1617 – trespassing, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1706 – malicious destruction of property, Belleville Rd.
1732 – disorderly conduct, Crowley Ave.
1823 – private property accident, Belleville
1829 – malicious destruction of property, Pond Ridge Dr.
Friday, Oct. 3:
0451 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.
1139 – private property accident, Belleville Rd.
1230 – private property accident, Haggerty Rd.
1257 – juvenile complaint, Tyler School
1526 – larceny, Parkwood Dr.
1626 – water leak found, Vernon St.
1829 – private property accident, W. Archwood Dr
1901 – larceny, Daniel Dr.
1955 – larceny, Parkwood Dr.
2007 – assault & battery, S. I-94 Service Dr.
2109 – agency assist, W. Columbia Ave.
Saturday, Oct. 4:
0059 – disorderly conduct, Victoria St.
0126 – property damage accident, Huron River / Mission Pointe
0217 – noise complaint, S. I-94 Service Dr.
0216 – assault & battery, W. Archwood Dr.
0244 – disturbance, Mantauk Ct.
0438 – fraud, Belleville
0858 – property damage accident, Michigan Ave. / Denton Rd.
1033 – larceny, Hannan Rd.
1041 – unauthorized driving away of auto, Oak Ln.
1105 – water leak found, Rawsonville Rd.
1215 – larceny from auto, Denton Rd.
1425 – assault & battery, Ryznar Dr.
1455 – larceny, Denton Rd./Old Denton Rd.
1513 – larceny, Westlake
1528 – disorderly conduct, Kirkridge Park Dr.
1856 – larceny from auto, Belleville Rd.
2111 – noise complaint, S. I-94 Service Dr.
Also on this week’s log are 151 traffic stops, with 18 of them being on the I-94 and I-275 freeways.

Belleville Police
Dispatch Log

Sunday, Sept. 28:
0230 – parking complaint, Carmell St.
1021 – property damage accident, E. Huron River Dr./Sumpter
1414 – welfare check, Carmell St.
1506 – intrusion alarm, Main St.
1827 – neighbor trouble, Roland St.
1918 – agency assist, Belle Villa Blvd.
1929 – agency assist, Henry Sst.
2031 – serve warrant, Sheldon
2116 – follow up, Victorian Ln.
2142 – follow up, Sheldon
2355 – noise complaint, Dos Rios St.
Monday, Sept. 29:
1114 – assist fire dept., Menlo Park Dr.
1416 – assist fire dept., Loza Ln.
1422 – intrusion alarm, Sumpter Rd.
1524 – warrant arrest, Washtenaw County
1648 – parking complaint, High/Church
1706 – assist fire dept., Sumpter Rd.
1933 – suspicious situation, South St.
1947 – disturbance, W. Columbia Ave.
2303 – assist fire dept., W. Columbia Ave.
Tuesday, Sept. 30:
0116 – suspicious person, Fourth/Main St.
0138 – suspicious situation, Savage and Village Pk
1114 – assist fire dept., W. Columbia Ave.
1206 – assist fire dept., W. Columbia Ave.
1422 – assist fire dept., W. Columbia Ave.
1544 – welfare check, Charles St.
1548 – parking complaint, E. Thornhill Ct.
2342 – follow up, Woodbury

Wednesday, Oct. 1:
0041 – suspicious vehicle, Santa Clara St.
0224 – suspicious vehicle, Hull Rd.
0230 – suspicious vehicle, Carmell St.
0910 – assist fire dept., W. Columbia Ave.
1159 – assist fire dept., Edison Ave.
1244 – welfare check, Clarence St.
1258 – vehicle lockout, W. Columbia Ave.
1359 – assist fire dept., Owen
1423 – warrant arrest, Main St.
1457 – mental, W. Columbia Ave.
1536 – traffic complaint, Owen School
1720 – background investigation, Main St.
1728 – follow up, High St.
2141 – larceny, W. Columbia Ave.
Thursday, Oct. 2:
0004 – suspicious vehicle, Menlo/Belle Villa
0014 – suspicious situation, Owen School
0936 – narcotics crime, W. Columbia Ave.
1236 – abandoned auto, Breakwater
1302 – juvenile complaint, Sumpter Rd./Spencer
1844 – follow up, South St.
2013 – disorderly conduct, N. Liberty St.
2242 – welfare check, Wexford Ave.
Friday, Oct. 3:
0028 – suspicious person, W. Columbia Ave.
0657 – narcotics crime, W. Columbia Ave.
0837 – noise complaint, Loza Ln.
1258 – disturbance, South St.
1337 – civil matter, Main St.
1410 – property damage accident, 5 Points
1519 – domestic assault, Loza Ln.
1600 – E-911 hang up/investigation, Clarence St.
1712 – bank drop, Main St.
2045 – assist fire dept., Biggs Ave.
2133 – civil matter, N. Liberty St.
2154 – property damage accident, W. Columbia
Saturday, Oct. 4:
0232 – property check, Harbour Pointe Dr.
0413 – intrusion alarm, S. Industrial Park Dr.
0616 – E-911 cellular, Carmell St.
1154 – agency assist, Main St.
1327 – animal complaint, E. Huron River Dr./N. Biggs Ave.
1441 – assist fire dept., Belleville High School
1733 – E-911 hang up/investigation, Fourth St.
2052 – warrant arrest, Main St.
Also on this week’s dispatch log are 17 traffic stops.

Sumpter Township
Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, Sept. 28:
0700 – fire dept. assist, 41000 bl. Harris Rd.
1000 – civil dispute, 19000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1012 – suspicious incident, 40000 bl. Harris Rd.
1212 – personal injury accident, 21000 bl. Clark
1647 – shots fired, 24000 bl. Carleton West Rd.
1915 – citizen assist, 22000 bl. Haggerty Rd.
1928 – reckless driver complaint, Sumpter/Dunn
2044 – suspicious incident, Birch
2127 – family trouble, 23000 bl. Haggerty Rd.
2152 – suspicious incident, 45000 bl. Harris Rd.
Monday, Sept. 29:
0206 – fire dept. assist, 17000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
0249 – suspicious incident, Willis/Sumpter
0338 – warrant arrest, out of township
0717 – suspicious vehicle, 41000 bl. Wear Rd.
0729 – larceny, 23000 bl. Clark Rd.
1008 – fight, 46000 bl. Judd Rd.
1505 – fraud complaint, 50000 bl. Willow Rd.
1527 – traffic hazard, 47000 bl. Bemis Rd.
1626 – citizen assist, 48000 bl. Arkona Rd.
1820 – fire dept. assist, 19000 bl. Sharon Ct.
1844 – suspicious incident, 24000 bl. Karr Rd.
2006 – suspicious person, 50000 bl. Willow Rd.
2028 – suspicious person, 19000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
2358 – suspicious incident, 25000 bl. Sumpter Rd..
Tuesday, Sept. 30:
0047 – fire dept. assist, Wyoming
0157 – operating while intoxicated arrest, Willow / Martinsville
0437 – fire dept. assist, 42000 bl. Judd Rd.
1109 – citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1131 – abandoned vehicle, Willis/Karr
1333 – animal complaint, 19000 bl. Sharon Ct.
1343 – citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1714 – civil dispute, 48000 bl. Arkona Rd.
1815 – warrant arrest, out of township

Wednesday, Oct. 1:
0231 – suspicious person, Redwood
0330 – suspicious person, Rawsonville/Willow
0413 – fire dept. assist, 6500 bl. Oakville Waltz Rd.
0831 – breaking & entering report, 20000 bl. Martinsville Rd.
0913 – animal complaint, 45000 bl. Bemis Rd.
0934 – suspicious incident, 24000 bl. Bohn Rd.
1136 – suspicious incident, E. Arizona
1316 – suspicious incident, 44000 bl. Clay Rd.
1635 – assist other agency, out of township
2016 – suspicious vehicle, 28000 bl. Haggerty Rd.
2038 – fire dept. assist, 39000 bl. Willis Rd.
Thursday, Oct. 2:
0032 – alarm, 40000 bl. Bemis Rd.
0105 – fight, 47000 bl. Bemis Rd.
0139 – suspicious person, Sully/Bemis
1710 – suspicious incident, 43000 bl. Harris Rd.
1720 – suspicious incident, Edgewood
2024 – animal complaint, 12000 bl. Rawsonville
2131 – warrant arrest, California/E. Arizona
Friday, Oct. 3:
0118 – suspicious incident, Nevada
0240 – recovered stolen property, Wear/Sumpter
0448 – breaking & entering report, 24000 bl. Karr
0803 – animal complaint, 20000 bl. Martinsville
0815 – family trouble, Vermont
0848 – property damage accident, Martinsville / Judd
0920 – recovered stolen property, 48000 bl. Willow Rd.
1317 – found property, Harris/Sumpter
1405 – citizen assist, Edgewood
1441 – suspicious incident, 25000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1448 – identity theft report, 21000 bl. Wilmot Rd.
1535 – fire dept. assist, 17000 bl. Sully Dr.
1736 – civil dispute, 19000 bl. Martinsville Rd.
2323 – traffic hazard, Judd/Martinsville
Saturday, Oct. 4:
0359 – citizen assist, Willow/Sumpter
0616 – fire dept. assist, 45000 l. willow Rd.
0625 – property damage accident, Rawsonville / Arkona
0849 – animal complaint, 20000 bl. Martinsville
1410 – suspicious incident, Rustic Ln.
1510 – fire dept. assist, 27000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1546 – suspicious person, 18000 bl. Westcott Dr.
1743 – shots fired, 23000 bl. Karr Rd.
1947 – suspicious incident, 27000 bl. Sherwood
2018 – ordinance violation, 24000 bl. Sherwood
2102 – animal complaint, Sumpter/Willow
2301 – suspicious incident, 18000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
Also on this week’s log are nine follow-up investigations, 34 miscellaneous details, 121 patrol checks, and 59 traffic stops.

Court Watching:
Final conference reset
to Oct. 16 for armed
robbery suspects

The final conference for the two defendants in a July 11 Van Buren Township armed robbery has been reset from Oct. 3 to Oct. 16 before Circuit Court Judge Catherine L. Heise at the Frank Murphy Hall of Justice in Detroit.

The jury trial has been set for 9 a.m. Nov. 17.

Devon Lamar Mayes, 22, and Hyo Sang Rogers, 30, both of Taylor, are accused of robbing Montroy Market, at the corner of Haggerty and Van Born roads.

Each defendant is charged with two counts of armed robbery, two counts of felonious assault, and a weapons charge.

Mayes is out on \$50,000/10% bond and is wearing a tether.

Rogers is in the Wayne County Jail unable to post his \$100,000/10% bond, plus tether. A reduction in his bond was denied by the court.

Both defendants are facing additional weapons charges in Taylor.

City Council

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on an amendment to the Snow and Ice Removal ordinance and then unanimously approved the changes. It gives people and businesses 24 hours (up from 16 hours) after the end of the snowfall to remove it from sidewalks. It also deletes the part that suggests using "ashes and cinders" to remove the snow. The extra eight hours for removal is to give the city time to clear the streets before getting to its sidewalks;

- Approved staying with Republic Waste Services with a five-year contract for refuse collection. There were three bidders and Rizzo was the high bid. Waste Management was \$2,200 lower, but DPW Director Tackett said there were some irregularities with the bid and WM required changing the pickup day to Friday, which was not supported by city residents. Tackett said residents in the past have said they prefer Thursday pickup, so they don't have to see their neighbor's trash cans blowing around all weekend while they are out of town;

- Watched Clerk/Treasurer Lisa Long open bids for the repair of three fire trucks (Engine 451, Rescue 453 and Engine 461). Bids from R&R Firetruck Repair were \$5,035 for Engine 451; \$3,308 for Rescue 453; and \$9,100 for Engine 461. Apollo Fire Equipment bid \$3,850 for Engine 451; \$5,178 for Rescue 453, and \$7,761 for Engine 461. Emergency Vehicles Plus had a letter in its sealed bid that declined to bid because they had too much work. The bids were referred to the administration

for a recommendation. Kollmeyer said the repair of each engine is a stand-alone job;

- Approved on a 4-1 vote (Councilwoman Kim Tindall voting no) the Central Business Community Booville event on Oct. 25 under a tent at the Fourth Street Square that will be set up on Oct. 23. CBC president Bill Wolters said there will be a CAF breakfast from 8 to 11 a.m.; kids' games, movies, and food from noon to 4 p.m.; and movies, food, and drinks for those over 21 from 6 to 11 p.m., with the Bayou providing the food and drinks;

- Approved on a 4-1 vote (Tindall voting no) the Belleville Area Chamber of Commerce's Booville event, the Masquerade Dance, from 6 to 11 p.m. Oct. 24 under the tent at the Fourth Street Square. Bryan Sulliman represented the Chamber. Egan's Pub will be providing food and drinks. Tindall asked if there is a plan for bathrooms for any of the events on the square and there wasn't. Egan's said they get a good price from Parkway and that could be arranged;

- Took no action on an Oct. 26 Booville event put on by the Community Chorus since there was no paperwork presented to the city and no representative of the sponsoring agency, the chorus, was present to talk to the council. Mayor Conley said they could come to the next council meeting on Oct. 20, which is before their event, and, "They still have time, but they're pushing it";

- Heard Kollmeyer announce that beginning with the October bill, water/sewer customers will be billed by the

gallon. "We think we're ready to go," Kollmeyer said, adding they have had a test run;

- Approved Accounts Payable of \$1,293,040.58 and departmental purchases in excess of \$500: to Blue Ribbon for water repairs, \$3,400; to Blue Ribbon for Lear dumping, \$4,000; to Dell, computers for police, \$2,138.10; and to SMART for service/repair, \$1,736.88; and

- Heard Steve Jakubik of High Street plead for crosswalk paint for the High/Edison crossing, since he sees BHS students and others crossing there as drivers speed through the stop sign. He said he is afraid someone will be killed. He said former DPW Director Keith Boc would see that it was painted regularly. Police Chief Hal Berriman said he would place the police flashing speed sign there to help people remember their speed and Tackett said the city will make painting of the crosswalk a priority. Jakubik also spoke about how the police came to talk to him about the boat parked in his yard the same day he called to complain about the crosswalk, which he is convinced is directly related. He also said, "I literally blew up when I called city hall and couldn't get anyone to answer." He said he kept getting switched from voice mail to voice mail. Jakubik said he helped write the boat parking ordinance about 15 years ago and his boat was OK then. Mayor Conley said Kollmeyer, Rutherford, Tackett and Chief Berriman would sit down and see what the ordinance says and report what the options are at the next council meeting.



The Belleville Rotary Club recently adopted the gazebo in Victory Park. The club's Charles B. Cozaad Foundation approved a grant of \$6,200 to restore and maintain the gazebo. The club plans to clean and paint the structure, replace three sections of railing and missing spindles, reset 200 garden wall blocks, and remove existing shrubs and replant with new holly bushes. In addition, there will be a double-faced Rotary International sign and a Four-Way Test plaque in memory of Don Juchartz. Rotarians and friends at a gazebo clean-up work party are, from left, Dr. John MacDermid, Jerry Richardson, Julie Hardy, Judge David Parrott, Rachel Kozlowski, and Keith Bruder.

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Michigan State Senate

Hoon-Yung Hopgood – 6th District

Dian Slavens – 7th District

Michigan State Representative

Erika Geiss – 12th District

Bill LaVoy – 17th District

Kristy Pagan – 21st District

David Haener – 23rd District

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VBT to hire

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position and, "A captain by another name is not it."

Laurain said the job description was developed by the township's Human Resources person and looked at and revised by the township's attorney Ethan Vinson.

Laurain said Vinson looked at this new job description and the captain's position.

"Not replacing the captain's position is the grievance," Laurain said, referring to the captain's position that has been vacant since Captain Ken Brooks retired.

"We're not going to fill the captain's position. We're going to go another direction," said Clerk Leon Wright, who said the police union has other issues.

"If Ethan will stand on it and fall on his sword over it, I'm fine with it," said Jahr, who also is an attorney.

Laurain said there are over-lapping parts between the captain and deputy position.

"You can grieve for everything. You can't stop it," said Trustee Brenda McClanahan, a retired Detroit police officer.

"We're trying to get Greg some help," said Trustee Phil Hart, describing a non-union employee. He said the job has grown in scope from the description put out for the help-wanted ad posted. "We don't want to lose a great candidate."

Before talking about details of the position, the board discussed a revised Public Safety Organizational Chart presented by Laurain. The chart was required by the union.

Jahr asked for the township board to be added at the top of the chart and everyone agreed that was a good idea. Down the chain of command, it's the supervisor, director of public safety, and then it splits off into Deputy Director – Police and Deputy Director – Fire, with other officers below those leaders on the police and fire sides. Ordinance/animal control was added to the police side, since the police department recently took over those responsibilities.

Although there was some sadness expressed about no longer referring to Dan Besson as Fire Chief, the board had no problems with the chart. Besson will now be Deputy Director-Fire.



Sarah Zou, at left, Marketing Representative of C-SPAN, tells Belleville High School students all about C-SPAN and the bus during a visit to the school on Sept. 26. BHS social studies teacher Mark Darket is in the rear. The bus' fall tour to the Detroit area helps to inform communities about the public affairs network's Campaign 2014 coverage and promoting C-SPAN's student documentary contest, StudentCam. (See www.studentcam.org for more information.) The bus is in its 21st year on the road, visiting cities, schools and community events across the country, promoting C-SPAN's educational and political resources for students, teachers, and the public. In Detroit, C-SPAN programming is carried on Comcast channel 96 as a public service, free of commercials or government funding. "Comcast is proud to partner with C-SPAN to bring the C-SPAN bus and its informative resources to Detroit and these deserving high school students," said Maria Holmes of Van Buren Township who is Director of Community Investment/External Affairs for Comcast.

Photo courtesy of Comcast

Rose Mary Ostrowski celebrates 101st birthday

Rose Mary Ostrowski celebrated her 101st birthday on Oct. 7 and will be feted at a birthday party this weekend in Virginia.

She was born Oct. 7, 1913 and lived with her husband Joseph on Martz Road in Van Buren Township for 71 years.

There are five generations of her family residing in Virginia, California, Michigan, and Kentucky.

For the past 12 years Rose Mary has been living with her daughter Jeanette Kramer in Virginia.

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Court Watching:

Mutschler, Combs facing final conference on Sumpter felony charges

Cody Alan Mutschler, 19, and Austin-Christopher Arthur Williams-Combs, 19, both of Sumpter Township, were bound over to circuit court for arraignments on the information by 34th District Court Judge Brian A. Oakley on Aug. 27.

They both were facing their final conference, as co-defendants, at 9 a.m. Oct. 3 before Wayne Circuit Court Judge Bruce U. Morrow at the Frank Murphy Hall of Justice in Detroit. The participants were present, but the final conference was continued to Oct. 17.

The two were arrested in Sumpter Township on Aug. 9. It all began when a group of young males were engaging another male at Sherwood Park, according to Det./Cpl. John Toth.

The 22-year-old Sumpter resident, who became the victim, said he was told it would be in his best interests if he left the park and he left on foot and called 911 to ask for help. He described to the dispatcher everything that had happened and was standing in someone's yard when a carload of people left the roadway and struck him. Dispatch heard everything that happened, Det./Cpl. Toth said, adding that alcohol was a factor.

The victim was able to jump out of the way of the truck, but was struck with the open door. After the victim was struck, the truck drove off and Officer Joseph Balowski apprehended it 2.5 miles from the scene.

Both Mutschler, the driver, and Williams-Combs, the front-seat passenger, were charged with assault with intent to do great bodily harm less than murder and assault with a dangerous weapon (felonious assault). Mutschler also was charged with operating a motor vehicle under the influence causing serious injury. Toth said the whole incident was based on incorrect information and they thought the victim did something that he didn't do.

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City of Belleville
Regular City Council Meeting Minutes
September 15, 2014

A regular meeting of the Council for the City of Belleville was called to order at 7:30 P.M., at the Municipal Building, 6 Main Street by Mayor Conley.

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE & MOMENT OF SILENCE

2. ROLL CALL

Council Member Fielder	Present
Council Member Smith	Present
Council Member Tindall	Present
Mayor Pro Tem Loria	Present
Mayor Conley	Present

3. PRESENTATIONS AND CITIZEN COMMENTS None

4. AGENDA APPROVAL

Motion by Loria, Second by Smith to approve agenda as presented.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Tindall, Second by Fielder to approve the Regular City Council meeting minutes of September 2, 2014 as presented.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

6. PUBLIC HEARINGS None.

7. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES

A. Ordinance amending Part II Code of Ordinances, Chapter 1, Section 1-13 Penalties and Sanctions.

Motion by Tindall, Second by Loria to approve **Resolution No. 14-103** to call a Public Hearing on October 6, 2014 to discuss an Ordinance amending Part II Code of Ordinances, Chapter 1, Section 1-13 Penalties and Sanctions.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

B. Ordinance Amendment – Snow & Ice Removal

Motion by Loria, Second by Smith to approve **Resolution No. 14-104** to call a Public Hearing on October 6, 2014 to discuss an ordinance amendment to the Snow and Ice Removal Ordinance.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

8. GENERAL BUSINESS

A. Winter Fest Street Closings – Chamber of Commerce

Motion by Loria, Second by Smith to approve **Resolution No. 14-105** to approve a request from

Belleville Area Chamber of Commerce to close streets for Winterfest on Friday, December 5th Fourth Street to alley 3-9 P.M., Denton Road area 6-9 P.M. contingent upon available fire protection and Saturday, December 6th parade route W. Columbia to Main Street and to Roys Street. Closure of Fourth Street to alley from 3-6:15 P.M.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

B. BACA – 2015 Artaffair on Main – Street Closings

Motion by Fielder, Second by Loria to approve **Resolution No. 14-106** to approve a request from BACA to close streets for Artaffair on Main 2015. Main Street from Third to Fifth and Fourth Street from alley to Main. Street closings beginning on Friday, July 24th at 7 P.M. and re-opening no later than 10 P.M. on Sunday, July 26, 2014.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

C. Proclamation – Belleville becomes “Booville” in October

Motion by Smith, Second by Tindall to approve **Resolution No. 14-107** to declare that Belleville becomes Booville for the month of October 2014 for a month long celebration of Harvest and Halloween activities.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

D. Belleville Zombie 5K

Marissa Higgins and Brittany Jones of Belleville High School New Tech were present to get permission for street closings and promote the Belleville Zombie 5K that will be starting and finishing at the Horizon Park gazebo on Saturday, October 18th.

Motion by Loria, Second by Fielder to approve **Resolution No. 14-108** to approve street closings for the Belleville Zombie 5K. High Street between Main and Church Street, one lane on Main Street between High and Denton and one lane on Denton Road on Saturday, October 18, 2014 from 9:00 A.M. until finish of race.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

E. Bid Opening – Refuse & Recycling

Motion by Tindall, Second by Loria to approve **Resolution No. 14-109** to open bids for refuse and recycling. Bids were received from Republic Services, Waste Management, and Rizzo Environmental, bids were referred to administration for review and recommendation.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

F. Bid Opening – 2015 Ford Interceptor Equipment

Motion by Loria, Second by Fielder to approve

Resolution No. 14-110 to open bids submitted for the equipping of the new 2015 Ford Interceptor police vehicle.

• Priority One Emergency \$9,141.00

Bid was approved contingent upon review to make sure that it meets all bid specs.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

G. Engineering Plans & Specifications for Sewer Rehab Proposal (SRF)

Motion by Smith, Second by Fielder to approve **Resolution No. 14-111** to approve the recommendation of Hennessey Engineers, Inc. to proceed with the development of engineering plans and specifications for the SRF sewer rehabilitation program per the MDEQ SRF FY 2015 2nd quarter schedule based on an hourly rate at an amount not to exceed \$22,000.00

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

H. Wayne County Contract – Huron River Drive Resurfacing

Motion by Fielder, Second by Loria to approve **Resolution No. 14-112** to approve the resurfacing of the road in the area generally described as Huron River Drive from Sumpter to Martinsville and the City of Belleville will assist financially in the resurfacing of the road within its city limits. Payment to Wayne County in the estimated amount of \$45,050 which will adjust to reflect actual costs and to provide a working capital advance to the County of Wayne in the amount of \$22,525 as fifty percent of the City of Belleville's participation of the total project costs pending financial and legal review for the use of Act 51 funds.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

I. Downriver Utility Wastewater Authority Legal Retention

Motion by Tindall, Second by Loria to approve **Resolution No. 14-113** to support the Downriver Utility Wastewater Authority (DUWA) who voted to engage Erman, Teicher, Zucker & Freedman Law Offices to provide legal services and authorize payment in an amount not to exceed \$5,000.00 to obtain legal council in order to protect assets.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

J. 2014/15 Water/Sewer Rates

Both the City of Detroit and Wayne County have informed the City of Belleville of an increase in water and sewer costs.

Motion by Fielder, Second by Smith to approve **Resolution No. 14-114** to approve an increase in the water rate from \$6.74 to \$7.21 per 1,000 gallons and an increase in sewer rates from \$6.38 to \$6.60 per 1,000 gallons effective as of October 1, 2014.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

K. Traffic Order #14-3 – Harbour Pointe Subdivision Parking on One Side of the Street

Motion by Loria, Second by Tindall to approve **Resolution No. 14-115** to approve traffic control order 14-3 no parking signs at Harbour Pointe Subdivision to allow for placement of no parking signs on one side of the street within Harbour Pointe Subdivision. The

order will allow for the access of emergency vehicles without the possible hindrance or interference of vehicles parked on both sides of the street. City will place a 90 moratorium on enforcement of the traffic control order. Residents will be notified by letter and publication.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE & DEPARTMENTAL EXPENDITURES

Motion by Tindall, Second by Loria to approve **Resolution No. 14-116** to approve accounts payable and payables over \$500.00 except for the Fire Department payment to Johnston Lithograph Inc. in the amount of \$120.00 for signs.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

14. ACTION ITEMS FOR NEXT REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING None.

15. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Tindall, Second by Smith to adjourn the meeting at 9:10 P.M.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Long, City Clerk/Treasurer

Approved: October 6, 2014

Published: October 9, 2014

Keystone Academy celebrates Month of the Young Adolescent

Keystone Academy kicked off the celebration for Month of the Young Adolescent (MOYA) on Oct. 6, with a special assembly.

Fellow National Heritage Academies Principal Shawn Leonard, of East Arbor Charter Academy, addressed students as they kicked off the nationally celebrated month. Leonard's talk focused on the MOYA theme of "Excellence is not a skill it is an attitude."

Keystone Academy, operated by National Heritage Academies, is a free public charter school serving students in grades kindergarten through eighth.

"The only thing necessary for the triumph of evil is that men of good will do nothing."
 – Cicero, B.C.



Hillside Cemetery Advisory Committee

REQUEST FOR VOLUNTEERS

Flag Placement for Veterans Day 2014
8:30 a.m. on Saturday, October 25th.

The Cemetery Advisory Committee will be placing American Flags on the graves of all veterans who are buried at Hillside Cemetery.

The flag placement project will begin on Saturday, October 25th at 8:30 a.m.

Volunteers are needed to help place the flags. Each Cemetery section takes only about one hour of work - a small sacrifice for us to honor those who fought to keep us free.

Join us to help honor our veterans as we prepare for Veterans Day 2014, an important year in the history of defending our liberty.



Lisa Long
 City Clerk/Treasurer

PUBLISH: October 9, 2014



CITY OF BELLEVILLE
Notice of Adoption
Ordinance No. 14-002

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 78 "STREETS, SIDEWALKS, AND CERTAIN OTHER PUBLIC PLACES", SECTION 78-151 "SNOW AND ICE REMOVAL" IN THE CODE OF ORDINANCES FOR THE CITY OF BELLEVILLE, FOR THE PURPOSE OF AMENDING CERTAIN REQUIREMENTS FOR REMOVAL OF SNOW AND ICE FROM SIDEWALKS.

Section 1	Section 78-151 in the Code of Ordinances of the City of Belleville is hereby amended.
Section 2	Severability
Section 3	Repeal
Section 4	Effective Date

Ordinance No. 14-002 was adopted by the Belleville City Council on October 6, 2014 and will become effective on October 17, 2014. A complete and true copy of Ordinance No. 14-002 is available for inspection and may be obtained at the City Clerk's Office, 6 Main Street, Belleville, MI 48111.

Lisa Long, CMC
 City Clerk/Treasurer

Publish: October 9, 2014

Committee working on details of Owen School playground equipment

By Rosemary K. Oztman
Independent Editor

A committee of educational professionals has been created to review a survey on play equipment being taken by fifth- and sixth-grade students at Owen Intermediate School.

On Sept. 8, during the work/study session of the Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education, Owen Principal Jeff Moore and Director of Building and Grounds James Williams reviewed the timeline of events concerning the play equipment for Owen, starting from when parents approached the board in June to the present.

Amy O'Brien, a parent in the audience, said they thought the report was concise and showed a forward-moving path, even if it was slower than what the parents were hoping for.

[Since the Independent had to leave for another meeting, O'Brien reported what happened at the Sept. 8 meeting.]

O'Brien reported Principal Moore said that a survey was created to be filled out by the kids to make sure that they are provided with structures that they will actually play on.

To review this survey, he has created a committee of educational professionals — teachers, a social worker, the physical education teacher and himself.

No parents are involved in order to keep personal interests out of the discussion, he said.

From this committee a decision will be made as to what will be provided, he said. This information will then be given to the PTSO.

Aside from the committee, the unused equipment at Haggerty School is being looked at for repurposing at Owen. They have some leftover equipment that is not suitable for the pre-schoolers at Haggerty and may be better used at a 5/6 building.

Williams will review this possibility.

With regards to use of sinking funds that the parents said was proposed and then rejected by the district, the parents were told all agencies questioned — legal, Plante Moran, and auditors -- said that because playground equipment is defined as "furnishings" in the language of the law, the sinking fund cannot be used to purchase play equipment.

O'Brien said the parents were told that the confusion comes because sinking funds can be used for installation, but not purchase of playground equipment.

Parents were told to think of the situation as "parts and labor." The sinking fund doesn't cover parts, but it could cover labor.

School Board President Brent Mikulski said later, "We have not concluded the use of our sinking funds can be used for installation, as we have not received verification if these funds could be used for installation or labor of playground equipment."

Parents said they expect further discussion in this direction will take place once equipment has been decided.

Parents had come to the school board in June with a well-documented presentation on the importance of recess to children the ages of 11 and 12, who are at Owen.

O'Brien pointed out that students in this age range are still growing. Asking them to sit all day long (with their growing pains and twitching muscles) cannot be healthy, she said.

Recess is a wonderful answer to this situation, parents had agreed.

When school resumed in September, students were allowed an outdoor break after lunch, but parents bemoaned the fact that there was no play equipment at Owen for their children.

Parents had cleaned up the playground for the students, but now play equipment was needed, they said.

Detroit Bowling Hall of Fame elects Belleville resident Tamika Glenn

The Detroit Bowling Hall of Fame Committee, a committee of the Metro Detroit USBC Association, has elected three new members to its Hall of Fame and named three others for special awards. This will increase the number of hall of fame members to 252.

Tamika Glenn of Belleville, Jay Lang of Sterling Heights and Larry Franz of Redford earned their place in the prestigious hall. Ann Block of Taylor, John Casbar of Sterling Heights and the late John Sabo will receive special awards.

Tamika Glenn's career started as a youth bowler when she won 13 Michigan Junior Masters Association titles.

In 1995 she won the Greater Detroit Bowling Association (GDBA) Singles and All-Events titles, becoming the first woman to win titles in the previous all-male organization. She also made the GDBA All-City Second team the same season.

In 1995 she also earned First Team All-City honors in the Detroit Women's Bowling Association (DWBA). This All-City honor was the first of ten for her.

Induction ceremonies will take place Sunday, Oct. 26, at DeCarlo's Banquet and Convention Center, 6015 E. Ten Mile Rd., Warren. Cocktails will be served at 4 p.m., dinner at 5 p.m., with ceremonies to follow. Tickets are \$30 each and can be purchased through the MDUSBC office at (248) 443-2695 ext. 104.

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This Saturday marks **Harvest Fest** with all kinds of activities planned at the **Booville District Library and Booville Area Museum** from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Hands-on events include candle dipping, corn husk doll making, scavenger hunt, bake sale, petting farm, and pony rides. Stop by and join me for some sidewalk chalking on Fourth Street. All events are free. Be sure to check out the some 40 scarecrows that dot Main Street this year, from 5 Points to the bridge. There's some cool Halloween decorations going up, too, with lots of businesses taking part this year. Decorating judging takes place Oct. 25-26.

Willow Run Liquor, Beer, Wine, Lotto, Pizza, and Deli at **49365 S. I-94 Service Drive** next to Diamondbacks offers gyros, subs, pizza and other lunch and dinner options. A large pizza with one item is \$5.99, or two for \$10. Right now save 10% on your order with their ad coupon in today's paper. They deliver too. Call **(734) 699-0333**.

Marti's Gift Gallery on East Huron River Drive in Belleville is still open, folks, for a few more weeks. Their ad was mistakenly pulled from last week's paper. Call **(734) 699-GIFT (4438)**.

The **Belleville Coney Island** on Sumpter Road is the site for a craft and vendor show this Saturday, Oct. 11, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the banquet room.

Doug Dalton Auctioneer is presenting an **Antique Estate Auction** tomorrow evening, Oct. 10, beginning with previews at 4 p.m. at the **Romulus Progressive Hall** on Ozga Road. See their ad in today's paper and visit www.dougdaltonauctioneer.com for lots of photos and descriptions.

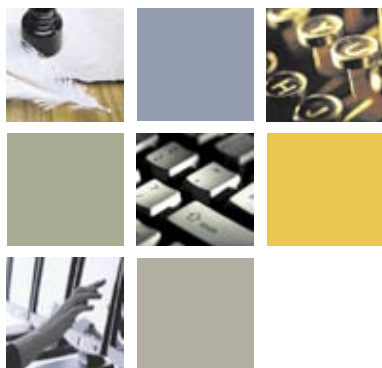
Trinity Episcopal Church on Belleville Road just south of I-94 is gearing up for a **Halloween Carnival** on Sunday, Oct. 26, from 3 to 6 p.m. Admission is one can of food for their Helping Hand Food

Pantry. Events for children 3 years through 5th grade include carnival games, face painting, photo booth, hot dogs, prizes, and candy giveaways. Call **(734) 699-3361**.

Congratulations to **Kendyl Zantop** who was selected the **2014 BHS Homecoming Queen** at last Friday's football game.

The **Fifth-Annual Community Art Show** sponsored by the **Belleville Area Council For the Arts** is coming up Oct. 18-19 at the BYC and the deadline to submit entries has been extended to Oct. 13. Winners will receive ribbons as well as cash prizes up to \$1,000. The late BACA founding member and Belleville artist **Jane Kovach** will have a special display of her works. To learn more or to make a donation to the event, call **Becky Hasen** at **(734) 347-0430**.

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Things to do in the Belleville area...

- **Thursday, Oct. 9** – Everyone from the surrounding communities are welcome to the Romulus Senior Center free Health and Wellness Fair, from 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Romulus Senior Center at 36525 Bibbins. Information: (734) 955-4120.
- **Thursday, Oct. 9** – Casserole Luncheon

for Missions starts at noon at St. John's Lutheran Church, 28320 Waltz Road, Waltz. \$8 donation includes dessert and door prize. Sponsored by St. John's Ladies Aid. Pre-sale tickets: Diana at (734) 654-6366, between 8 a.m.-4 p.m.

- **Friday, Oct. 10** – Friends Family Theater All FREE Movie Night with bounce house, 7 p.m., Youth Center, 7890 Tuttle Hill Road at Bemis, Ypsilanti. Two feature films. Information: (734) 482-5074
- **Sunday, Oct. 12** – Get a flu shot at

the Community Flu Shot Clinic from 8:30 a.m. to noon at the Belleville First United Methodist Church, 417 Charles St. It will be administered by U of M Visiting Nurses. Most insurances are accepted. Otherwise, \$30. Info: (734) 975-3225

- **Sunday, Oct. 12** – This is the last day of the sock drive at Trinity Episcopal Church on Belleville Road, just south of the I-94 freeway. Marian Caldwell is gathering socks for First Step, an organization that helps abused and homeless families.

• **Sunday, Oct. 12** – It's Turkey Shoot time at noon at the gun range on Willow Road. Fund-raiser for Sumpter Parks and Rec, on the four Sundays in October.

• **Friday, Oct. 17** – Friends Family Theater All FREE Movie Night with bounce house, 7 p.m., Youth Center, 7890 Tuttle Hill Road at Bemis, Ypsilanti. A current feature film and "Irreplaceable." Information: (734) 482-5074

• **Sunday, Oct. 19** – It's Turkey Shoot time at noon at the gun range on Willow Road. Fund-raiser for Sumpter Parks and Rec, on the four Sundays in October.

• **Sunday, Oct. 19** – Off-leash playtime at 2 p.m. with other friendly Pugs and Pug owners at the Wayne County Fairgrounds, 10871 Quirk Road, Van Buren Township. www.meetup.com/semichiganpugs

• **Sunday, Oct. 26** – It's Turkey Shoot time at noon at the gun range on Willow Road. Fund-raiser for Sumpter Parks and Rec, on the four Sundays in October.

• **Sunday, Oct. 26** – Fall Festival at 5 p.m. at Belleville Free Will Baptist Church, 750 E. Huron River Dr. Games, Soup Contest, Trunk or Treat, lots of candy.

• **Friday, Oct. 31** – Trick or Treat in downtown Belleville, 5-7 p.m.

• **Saturday, Nov. 1** – Guiding Harbor's 29th-annual Girlstown Auction at the Yankee Air Museum, 47884 D Street. Registration/socializing, 4-4:30 p.m., live and silent auction with cash bar, 4:30-7 p.m. Dinner and event tickets \$50 per person until Oct. 25; \$60 thereafter. None at the door. tmwhitten01@gmail.com or 231-878-4150.

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